

Request for a new game bird habitat area in Newton County to be named after Bob Lyons for his long time commitment to conservation and preserving our outdoor heritage

Recently, Pheasants Forever Inc. and Quail Forever, as well as local Indiana chapters, assisted the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in obtaining a 121 acre property in Newton County, Indiana that will be open for public hunting.

The process to complete this land acquisition took over 2 years to complete to where it sits today. When the property came up for sale, Pheasants Forever offered to buy the property, spending nearly a half million dollars to retain control, and local Indiana chapters raised \$17,000 to cover the expense of title transfer and surveying of the property to give it to the DNR. The Herre family have been instrumental in completing this land acquisition.

Last fall, a prominent member of the Indiana Pheasants Forever family passed away. Bob Lyons, Habitat Chairman for the Iroquois River Chapter, was personally responsible for helping restore over 6,000 acres of habitat in the Newton and Jasper County game bird habitat areas. Bob was also named one of Pheasant Forever's Pioneering 25 volunteers from throughout the country. Bob worked very hard to ensure that there was suitable wildlife habitat available throughout his home counties.

Bob's dedication to conservation and Indiana's outdoor heritage will be remembered for generations to come, but honoring him with naming this property after him will immortalize his commitment to conservation and the community far into the future. Several Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever chapters have asked the DNR to name the property after Bob Lyons for his unfaltering hard work to preserve habitat in the State of Indiana.